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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68459

Hitotoshi KIMURA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/068,008

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 6420

Examiner: Anh T.N. Vo

Filed: February 8, 2002

For: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS, CONTROL AND INK REPLENISHING METHOD
EXECUTED IN THE SAME, INK SUPPLY SYSTEM INCORPORATED IN THE SAME, AND
METHOD OF MANAGING INK AMOUNT SUPPLIED BY THE SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2003, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect the claims contained in Group 1 (i.e. claims 1-18, 45, and 82) for prosecution on the merits. Also, since claim 83 is multiply dependent upon claims 45 and 82, Applicants respectfully request that claim 83 be included in elected Group I and examined on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected Groups 2, 3, and 4.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19-44 and 46-81, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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